



General Assembly

Substitute Bill No. 53

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AN ACT REQUIRING THE DEPARTMENT OF CHILDREN AND FAMILIES TO NOTIFY NONCUSTODIAL PARENTS OF CERTAIN ABUSE AND NEGLECT INVESTIGATIONS.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Assembly convened:

1 Section 1. Section 17a-103b of the general statutes is repealed and
2 the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective October 1, 2010*):

3 (a) Upon a [substantiated] complaint of abuse or neglect of a child
4 having a single custodial parent or a guardian, the Department of
5 Children and Families shall give, [when deemed to be in the best
6 interests of the child] except as provided in this subsection, to the
7 noncustodial parent, custodial parent, guardian of the child, and
8 parents if the Department of Children and Families has custody of a
9 child, notice of (1) the circumstances of the complaint, including the
10 name of the person who caused the abuse, (2) the availability of
11 services from the department, including, but not limited to, child care
12 subsidies and emergency shelter, and (3) the programs of the Office of
13 Victim Services and information on obtaining a restraining order. The
14 notice shall also inform the recipient that such child may be removed
15 from the custody of the custodial parent by the department if such
16 removal is authorized under the general statutes. The department shall
17 employ all reasonable efforts to provide the notice [within] not later
18 than ten days [of substantiation of a] after the complaint was filed. If
19 the department determines that disclosure of detailed information may

20 result in a risk of physical harm to a person, the department shall
21 provide notice of the complaint only and advise the noncustodial
22 parent, in writing, of the right to seek judicial relief pursuant to
23 subsection (m) of section 17a-28.

24 (b) The notice required under subsection (a) of this section shall be
25 in English or the principal language of the recipient, if known, and be
26 delivered (1) by certified mail, return receipt requested, directed to the
27 last-known address of each recipient, or (2) by an agent of the
28 department. In the case of personal delivery by an agent, written
29 acknowledgment of such delivery shall be made by the recipient.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Section 1	October 1, 2010	17a-103b

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